

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 23-1385V

JEREMY ALLRED,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

Chief Special Master Corcoran

Filed: October 18, 2024

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Mark Kim Hellie, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for Respondent.

DECISION ON DAMAGES¹

On August 22, 2023, Jeremy Allred filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that he suffered from “right shoulder/ arm pain,” as a result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccine received on September 21, 2021. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On October 16, 2024, a Ruling on Entitlement was issued, finding Petitioner entitled to compensation for a SIRVA. On October 17, 2024, Respondent filed a Proffer on award of compensation (“Proffer”). Respondent represented that Petitioner agrees with the proffered award. *Id.* at 1 – 2. Based on the record as a whole, I find that Petitioner is entitled to an award as stated in the Proffer.

¹ Because this Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). **This means the Decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet.** In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), Petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, I agree that the identified material fits within this definition, I will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all section references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2018).

Pursuant to the terms stated in the Proffer, I award the following compensation:

A lump sum of \$62,500.00 (for pain and suffering) in the form of a check payable to Petitioner. Proffer at 2. This amount represents compensation for all damages that would be available under Section 15(a). *Id.*

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment in accordance with this decision.³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master

³ Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), entry of judgment can be expedited by the parties' joint filing of notice renouncing the right to seek review.

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RESPONDENT’S PROFFER ON AWARD OF COMPENSATION

I. Procedural History

On August 22, 2023, Jeremy Allred (“petitioner”) filed a petition for compensation under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 300aa-1 to -34 (“Vaccine Act” or “Act”), alleging that he suffered “right shoulder/arm pain” as the result of an influenza (“flu”) vaccination received on September 21, 2021. Pet. at 1.

On October 15, 2024, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) Report, conceding entitlement in this case because petitioner met the criteria to establish a presumptive Table SIRVA injury. ECF Doc. No. 28 at 1, 5-6. On October 16, 2024, the Court issued its Ruling on Entitlement, finding that petitioner was entitled to compensation. ECF Doc. No. 29.

II. Items of Compensation and Form of the Award

Based upon the evidence of record, respondent proffers that petitioner should be awarded \$62,500.00. The award is comprised of the following: \$62,500.00 for pain and suffering. This amount represents all elements of compensation to which petitioner would be entitled under 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(a) regarding his September 21, 2021 flu vaccination. Petitioner agrees.¹

III. Form of the Award

The parties recommend that compensation provided to petitioner should be made through a lump sum payment of \$62,500.00, in the form of a check payable to petitioner. Petitioner agrees.

Petitioner is a competent adult. Evidence of guardianship is not required in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Should petitioner die prior to entry of judgment, the parties reserve the right to move the Court for appropriate relief. In particular, respondent would oppose any award for future medical expenses, future lost earnings, and future pain and suffering.

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